

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

10/1/18 – 10/5/18

Key Weekly Objectives

Each week we will highlight key objectives covered in seventh grade during the week.

Math: To simplify algebraic expressions by using the distributive property and combining like terms

Literature: To examine what defines a hero based on the actions of the characters in *The Outsiders*.

Spelling: To improve everyday spelling by mastering frequently used words and content specific challenge words.

CLASS UPDATES

SUCSESSES: We had a great week of learning. The students worked hard. This class knows how to get right to work and manages their time well. They make good use of their study hall time. A good example of this was Wednesday afternoon when they had a literature and a religion assignment to complete. Everyone completed both assignments in the allotted time and therefore did not have to finish them for homework.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: Attitude is key. Focused mathematicians need lots of practice and must show their work to achieve to their full potential.

Family Learning Opportunity: In religion today, the first reading took us on an interesting tangent about last names or surnames. (Joshua, son of Nun, We also had to clarify that Christ was not Jesus's last name. ☺) We talked about how surnames often came from the fathers' names (Peterson) or to designate a particular region (O'Lee – the River Lee in Ireland) or profession (Miller). The students were very interested in learning about the origins of their own last names. Some of them knew the origins or their names and some did not. This would be a great conversation to have as a family.

UCSB Soccer Game: You will also find student tickets for tonight's UCSB Women's Soccer game. Wear your Spirit shirt and cheer on the Gauchos with fellow OLMCS families.

Blessing of the Animals: Our Blessing of the Animals Prayer Service will be after morning assembly on Friday. If you are planning to have a large and loud animal blessed, please arrange to have a parent take your animal home after the blessing. Small quiet animals like fish or turtles may remain at school.

Villanova Retreat: Monday is our retreat. We will leave after morning assembly and return in time for car-line.

Middle School Sports: Coaches needed! If you would like to coach a middle school team this year, volunteer by contacting Mrs. Simolon.

Lancer Folders: Please remember to sign the back of the folder every Monday and sign and return anything on the sign and return side.

School Tours: School tours are the second Tuesday of every month. Please tell any perspective families about this opportunity to learn about our school.

Coding Class: See the attached Flyer for the middle school coding class offered by Mr. Simolon.

Book Club!

It is a new school year and Book Club is starting up again! The next Book Club will be held **this Monday, October 1** at Connor Bell's home. Directions will be posted on the website. The book we will be discussing is *Warcross* by Marie Lu. This is an action-packed contemporary thriller set in the world of on-line hacking and gaming. For a synopsis, go to Goodreads.com See the attached flyer, directions, and a book ad by Connor Bell in next week's newsletter.

Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due on **Tuesday** and **every Tuesday** for the rest of the year.

MONDAY –

TUESDAY – P.E.,

WEDNESDAY – 12:20 Dismissal – Teacher Curriculum Planning

THURSDAY – P.E.

FRIDAY – Blessing of the Animals

Have a great weekend! - Miss Lee